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Dear Sir:

Amendment with Request for Continued Examination

This amendment is responsive to the Advisory Action mailed December 7, 2006. A Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fee are provided herewith. Also provided herewith is a Petition for a three (3) month extension of time and the requisite fee.

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Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11.